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Remarks

The Office has imposed a restriction/election requirement on the original claims stating that the claims fall into two groups as follows:

Group I including claims 1-2;

Group II including claims 3-5.

The Office has alleged that these claims fall into different U.S. classifications with Group I belonging to U.S. classification 705/26 for subject matter of buying products online and Group II belonging to U.S. classification 235/382 concerning the use of information to check a customer for security purposes at public venues.

The applicant respectfully disagrees with this characterization of the claims. Although the original claims 1 and 2 recite the purchasing of a product, it is clear in the wherein clause at the end of the claims that the product is related to checking in a customer for security purposes. Thus, the applicant states that each of the originally filed claims should be included in one group and assigned to U.S. classification 235/382. Furthermore, the time lost by the applicant due to the Office's error in this assertion should be credited back to the term of the patent and the applicant respectfully requests the Office's cooperation in this request.

The applicant has amended claims 1 and 2 to further clarify that these claims are directed towards using information to check a customer into a venue.

The applicant has added new claims 6-10 directed towards more specific features of the present invention. Support for these claims is provided on pages 52-58 of the specification and Figures 22 and 23.

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The applicant respectfully submits that the claims as amended are in condition for allowance. No art has been cited by the Office that discloses the elements recited in these claims and therefore, the applicant requests the Office to allow these claims.

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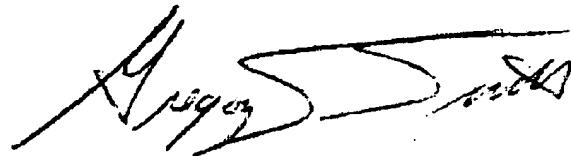
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Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-10 are in condition for allowance. If the Office has any questions regarding these claims or this response, the Office can call the applicant's attorney, Gregory Smith at (770) 804-9070.

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